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(54) **METHOD FOR PREPARING  
PHENYLBORONIC ACID NEOPENTYL  
GLYCOL ESTER**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The present invention discloses a method for preparing a phenylboronic acid neopentyl glycol ester. A mixed nickel (II) complex with a formula of  $Ni[P(OR^1)_3][R^2NCH_2CH_2NR^2]C]X_2$  is used as a catalyst. The method comprises: in the presence of potassium methoxide, efficiently catalyze a cross coupling reaction between a phenyl chloride and a bis(neopentyl glycolato)-diboron to prepare a phenylboronic acid neopentyl glycol ester. The invention provides the first embodiment of using a mixed nickel(II) complex with phosphonate ester and nitrogen heterocyclic carbene ancillary ligands to catalyze a cross coupling reaction.

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**METHOD FOR PREPARING  
PHENYLBORONIC ACID NEOPENTYL  
GLYCOL ESTER**

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**TECHNICAL FIELD**

The invention belongs to the technical field of organic 10  
synthesis, and in particular relates to a method for preparing  
phenylboronic acid neopentyl glycol ester.

**BACKGROUND TECHNIQUE**

Aryl borate compounds are a class of synthetic interme-  
diates that are very important in the field of organic synthe-  
sis, so how to easily and efficiently synthesize various types  
of aryl boronate compounds has received continuous atten-  
tion (see: Boronic Acids; Hall, DG; Wiley-VCH: Weinheim, 20  
Germany, 2005). The traditional method for synthesizing  
aryl borate is to react a halogenated aromatic hydrocarbon  
with a trialkyl borate under the action of a metal organic  
reagent such as an organozinc reagent, Grignard reagent, but  
there are many limitations for this method requires sensitive 25  
metal organic reagents (see: Suzuki, A.; Brown, HC Organic  
Syntheses via Boranes; Aldrich Chemical Co.: Milwaukee,  
2003; Vol. 3). In order to avoid the use of the above-  
mentioned metal organic reagents, a cross-coupling reaction  
of a transition metal-catalyzed halogenated aromatic hydro- 30  
carbon and a boron reagent has been developed to synthesize  
an aryl boronic acid ester, and a palladium-based catalyst is  
used in a large amount (see: Ishiyama, T Murata, M.;  
Miyaura, N.; J. Org. Chem. 1995, 60, 7508); however, the  
use of palladium-based catalysts also has some disadvan- 35  
tages, most notably its expensive price.

Nickel based catalysts are very inexpensive compared to  
expensive palladium based catalysts and have significant  
cost advantages in industrial applications. Therefore, the  
development of nickel-based catalysts to achieve cross- 40  
coupling reaction of halogenated aromatic hydrocarbons  
with boron reagents to synthesize aryl boronic esters has  
received increasing attention. For example, a catalytic sys-  
tem consisting of 1,3-bis(diphenylphosphino)propyldichlo-  
rochloride and 1,3-bis(diphenyl-phosphino) propane can be 45  
used to achieve cross-coupling of brominated aromatic  
hydrocarbons and neopentyl glycol boron; catalytic system  
consisting of 1,3-bis(diphenylphosphino)propyldichloron-  
ickel and 1,1'-bis(diphenylphosphino) ferrocene, with zinc  
powder as an additive can efficiently catalyze the cross- 50  
coupling reaction of iodo-or-bromine aromatic with neopen-  
tyl glycol borane, which has better substrate suitability and  
higher catalytic efficiency. These results indicate that the  
relatively inexpensive nickel-based catalysts have great  
application prospects in the cross-coupling reaction of halo- 55  
genated hydrocarbons with boron reagents for the synthesis  
of aryl boronate compounds, but these methods also have  
certain drawbacks, such as high reaction temperature of  
100° C., and a catalyst amount of 10 mol %, and in  
particular, there is a problem that it cannot be widely applied 60  
to chlorinated aromatic hydrocarbon having a low activity  
but a relatively inexpensive and wide variety.

Cross-coupling reaction of chlorinated aromatic hydro-  
carbons and boronic acid pinacol ester can be obtained by  
using cesium fluoride as a alkali, trimethyl (2,2,2-trifluo- 65  
roethoxy)silane as an additive and bis(trimethylphosphine)  
nickel dichloride as a catalyst, but the reaction temperature

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of the method still requires a high temperature of 100° C.,  
and requires the use of more toxic trimethyl phosphine and  
more expensive additives. Using diisopropylethylamine as a  
base, the cross-coupling reaction of brominated aromatic  
hydrocarbons and chlorinated aromatic hydrocarbons with  
tetrahydroxydiboron to prepare aromatic boron acid can be  
carried out by using a catalytic system composed of 1,3-bis-  
(diphenylphosphino)propyldichlorochloride and triphenyl-  
phosphine.

**Technical Problem**

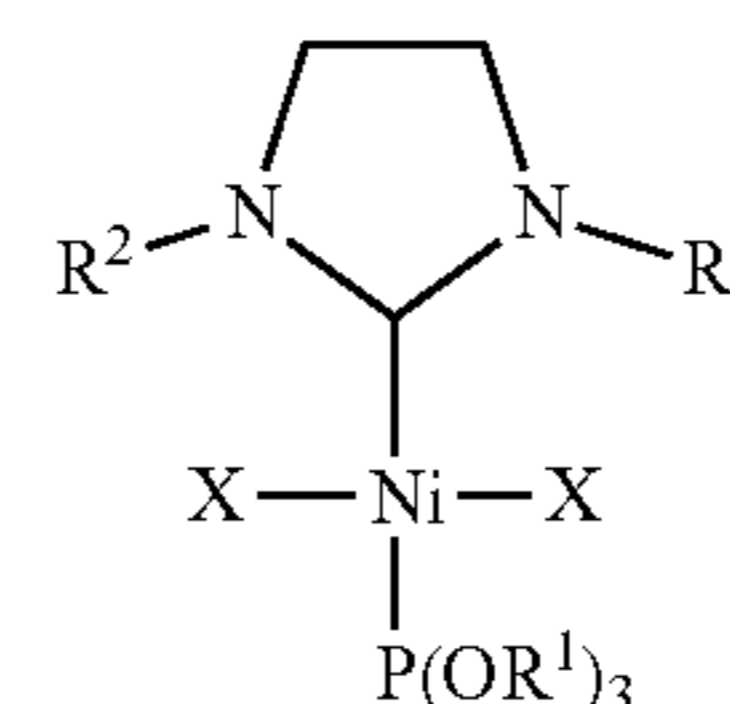
Compared with the previous method, this method also has  
some drawbacks, mainly: (1) the use of more toxic triph- 15  
enylphosphine; (2) the substrate involved is mostly bromi-  
nated aromatics, lower active, but cheaper, readily available  
chlorinated aromatics involve relatively less; (3) still require  
higher reaction temperatures for most chlorinated aromatic  
substrates, and the like. Therefore, it is necessary to develop  
more catalytic systems to efficiently catalyze the cross-  
coupling reaction of halogenated aromatic hydrocarbons,  
especially chlorinated aromatic hydrocarbons with boron  
reagents. So far, there have been no reports of mixed 25  
nickel(II) complexes containing phosphites and nitrogen  
heterocyclic carbene, nor have they been used to catalyze the  
cross-coupling between chlorinated aromatic hydrocarbons  
and bis(neopentyl glycolato)-diboron.

**Means for Solving the Problem**

**Technical Solutions**

It is an object of the present invention to provide a highly  
efficient catalyzed cross coupling reaction between a phenyl  
chloride and a bis(neopentyl glycolato)-diboron to prepare a  
phenylboronic acid neopentyl glycol ester using a mixed  
nickel(II) complex containing a phosphite and a nitrogen  
heterocyclic carbene in the presence of potassium methoxide 35  
which has significantly better catalytic activity and substrate  
suitability than the prior art.

In order to achieve the above object, the technical scheme  
adopted by the present invention is: a method for preparing  
phenylboronic acid neopentyl glycol ester, comprising the  
steps of: sequentially adding catalyst, potassium methoxide,  
bis(neopentyl glycolato)-diboron, phenyl chloride and 45  
organic solvent in an inert gas atmosphere; reacting at 40° C.  
for 6 hours to obtain phenylboronic acid neopentyl glycol  
ester; the phenyl chloride is p-chlorophenol, p-chloroaniline,  
p-chlorobenzophenone or p-cyanochlorobenzene; the cata-  
lyst is used in an amount of 5% by mole of the phenyl  
chloride; the chemical structure of the catalyst is as follows:



Wherein R<sup>1</sup> is ethyl or isopropyl; R<sup>2</sup> is 2,4,6-trimethyl-  
phenyl, 2,6-diisopropylphenyl or tert-butyl; and X is bro- 65  
mine or chlorine.

After completion of the reaction, the reaction was termi-  
nated with water, and the reaction product was extracted

with ethyl acetate and carried out column chromatography purification to carry out quantitative analysis to obtain the product yield.

In the above technical scheme, the inert gas is argon.

The chemical formula of the catalyst in the present invention is  $\text{Ni}[\text{P}(\text{OR}^1)_3][(\text{R}^2\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NR}^2)\text{C}]\text{X}_2$ ; the preparation method thereof is specifically as follows.

When X is bromine, the method for preparing the above mixed nickel(II) complex comprises the steps of dissolving bis(phosphite) nickel dibromide and nitrogen heterocyclic carbene in a solvent in an inert gas, the reaction is carried out at room temperature for 2 to 4 hours; then the solvent is removed in vacuo, the residue is extracted with toluene after washed with n-hexane, and the clear solution was transferred and removed the solvent toluene to obtain nickel (II) complex containing phosphite ester and nitrogen heterocyclic carbene.

When X is chlorine, the method for preparing the above mixed nickel(II) complex comprises the steps of dissolving bis(triphenylphosphine)nickel dichloride and nitrogen heterocyclic carbene in a solvent in an inert gas, the reaction is carried out at room temperature for 2 to 4 hours; then the solvent is removed in vacuo, the residue is extracted with toluene after washed with n-hexane, and the clear solution was transferred and removed the solvent toluene to obtain nickel(II) complex containing triphenylphosphine and nitrogen heterocyclic carbene. Then, the mixed nickel(II) complex and the phosphite are dissolved in a solvent and reacted at room temperature for 1 hour; then the solvent is removed in vacuo, and the residue is extracted with toluene after washed with n-hexane, and the clear solution was transferred and removed the solvent toluene gives nickel(II) complex, which is the above-mentioned mixed nickel (II) complex containing phosphite ester and nitrogen heterocyclic carbene.

In the above technical scheme of catalyst preparation, the inert gas is argon; the molar ratio of bis(phosphite) nickel dibromide to nitrogen heterocyclic carbene is 1:1; the molar ratio of bis(triphenylphosphine)nickel dichloride and nitrogen heterocyclic carbene is 1:1; the molar ratio of the mixed nickel(II) complex containing triphenylphosphine and nitrogen heterocyclic carbene to the phosphite is 1:1; the solvent is tetrahydrofuran. The selection basis of the solvent is that nitrogen heterocyclic carbene can be dissolved, and the mixed nickel(II) complex containing the phosphite ester and the nitrogen heterocyclic carbene ligand can also be dissolved, and the mixed nickel(II) complex containing triphenylphosphine and nitrogen heterocyclic carbene can also be dissolved; and no active hydrogen. For example, tetrahydrofuran.

In the above technical scheme, the molar ratio of the catalyst, potassium methoxide, bis(neopentyl glycolato)-diboron and phenyl chloride is 0.05:1.5:1.5:1. The invention can be obtained phenylboronic acid neopentyl glycol ester in a higher yield under the shorter reaction time and mild reaction temperature, less catalyst dosage, which greatly optimizes the reaction conditions and improves the product yield.

### Beneficial Effects of the Invention

#### Beneficial Effects

The catalyst disclosed in the present invention introduces a phosphite ligand for the first time, and the substituents in the phosphite or nitrogen heterocyclic carbene can be vari-

ously selected, thereby a novel high-efficiency catalyst can be sent out; and can efficiently catalyze the cross-coupling reaction of phenyl chloride with bis(neopentyl glycolato)-diboron to synthesize phenylboronic acid neopentyl glycol ester in the presence of potassium methoxide, its catalytic activity and substrate suitability are better than the prior art; the reaction is simple and easy to operate, the product is easy to extract, and the yield is high. These complexes have a well-defined structure and are relatively stable solid in air, which is advantageous for large-scale synthesis and application.

### EXAMPLES FOR THE INVENTION

#### Detailed Description of the Embodiments

The present invention is further described below in conjunction with the embodiments:

Example 1: Synthesis of  $\text{Ni}[\text{P}(\text{OR}^1)_3][(\text{R}^2\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NR}^2)\text{C}]\text{X}_2$  ( $\text{R}^1=\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{R}^2=2,4,6$ -trimethylphenyl,  $\text{X}=\text{Br}$ )

Add a nitrogen heterocyclic carbene ( $\text{R}^2\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NR}^2$ ) C (0.2464 g, 0.8 mmol) to the solution of di(triethyl phosphite) nickel dibromide (0.4400 g, 0.8 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran, react at room temperature for 2 hours, the solvent was removed in vacuum, the residue was washed with n-hexane, and the obtained residue is extracted by toluene, and the clear liquid is transferred, and solvent toluene is removed, so as to obtain a red solid, wherein the yield is 68%.

The results of elemental analysis of the product are shown in Table 1:

TABLE 1

Elemental analysis results			
	C: (%)	H: (%)	N: (%)
Theoretical value	46.86	6.12	4.05
Actual value	47.04	6.21	3.99

The product was subjected to nuclear magnetic characterization and the results are as follows:

The product was dissolved in  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$  (ca. 0.4 mL), sealed, and characterized by Unity Inova-400 NMR apparatus at room temperature:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{C}_6\text{D}_6$ ):  $\delta$  6.88 (s, 4H), 3.97 (s, 6H), 3.13 (s, 4H), 2.64 (s, 12H), 2.15 (s, 6H), 1.02 (s, 9H) ppm.

Example 2: Synthesis of  $\text{Ni}[\text{P}(\text{OR}^1)_3][(\text{R}^2\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NR}^2)\text{C}]\text{X}_2=\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{R}^2=2,6$ -diisopropylphenyl,  $\text{X}=\text{Br}$ )

Add a nitrogen heterocyclic carbene ( $\text{R}^2\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NR}^2$ ) C (0.3627 g, 0.93 mmol) to a solution of bis(triethyl phosphite) nickel dibromide (0.5115 g, 0.93 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran, react at room temperature for 2 hours, the solvent was removed in vacuum, the residue was washed with n-hexane, and the obtained residue is extracted by toluene, and the clear liquid is transferred, and solvent toluene is removed, so as to obtain a red crystals, wherein the yield is 77%.

The results of elemental analysis of the product are shown in Table 2:

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TABLE 2

Elemental analysis			
	C: (%)	H: (%)	N: (%)
Theoretical value	51.06	7.01	3.61
Actual value	51.33	7.19	3.49

The product was subjected to nuclear magnetic characterization and the results are as follows:

The product was dissolved in  $C_6D_6$  (ca. 0.4 mL), sealed, and characterized by Unity Inova-400 NMR apparatus at room temperature:  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ ):  $\delta$  7.29 (s, 6H), 3.91 (d, 6H), 3.88-3.71 (m, 4H), 3.58 (s, 4H), 1.75 (d, 12H), 1.18 (d, 12H), 1.02 (s, 9H) ppm.

Example 3: Synthesis of  $Ni[P(OR^1)_3][(R^2NCH_2CH_2NR^2)C]X_2=CH(CH_3)_2$ ,  $R^2=2,6$ -diisopropylphenyl,  $X=Br$

Add a nitrogen heterocyclic carbene ( $R^2NCH_2CH_2NR^2$ )C (0.3627 g, 0.93 mmol) to a solution of di(triisopropyl phosphite) nickel dibromide (0.5905 g, 0.93 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran, and react at room temperature for 3 hours. The solvent was removed in vacuo, and the residue was washed with n-hexane, and the residue obtained was extracted with toluene, and the clear liquid was transferred and remove the solvent toluene to give red-black crystals in a yield of 70%.

The results of elemental analysis of the product are shown in Table 3:

TABLE 3

Elemental analysis			
	C: (%)	H: (%)	N: (%)
Theoretical value	52.84	7.39	3.42
Actual value	53.11	7.51	3.28

The product was subjected to nuclear magnetic characterization. The results were as follows: The product was dissolved in  $C_6D_6$  (about 0.4 mL), sealed, and characterized on a Unity Inova-400 NMR apparatus at room temperature:  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ ):  $\delta$  7.28 (s, 6H), 4.94 (s, 3H), 3.83 (s, 4H), 3.57 (s, 4H), 1.73 (s, 12H), 1.16 (s, 30H) ppm.

Example 4: Synthesis of  $Ni[P(OR^1)_3][(R^2NCH_2CH_2NR^2)C]X_2$  ( $R^1=CH_2CH_3$ ,  $R^2=C(CH_3)_3$ ,  $X=Br$ )

Add a nitrogen heterocyclic carbene ( $R^2NCH_2CH_2NR^2$ )C (0.1438 g, 0.78 mmol) to a solution of di(triethyl phosphite) nickel dibromide (0.4290 g, 0.78 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran, react at room temperature for 1 hour, the solvent was removed in vacuum, the residue was washed with n-hexane, and the obtained residue is extracted by toluene, and the clear liquid is transferred, and solvent toluene is removed, so as to obtain a yellow solid, wherein the yield is 60%. The results of elemental analysis of the product are shown in Table 4:

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TABLE 4

Elemental analysis			
	C: (%)	H: (%)	N: (%)
Theoretical value	35.95	6.74	4.93
Actual value	36.22	6.88	4.81

The product was subjected to nuclear magnetic characterization and the results are as follows:

The product was dissolved in  $C_6D_6$  (ca. 0.4 mL), sealed, and characterized on a Unity Inova-400 NMR apparatus at room temperature:  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ ):  $\delta$  4.29-4.07 (m, 5H), 2.73 (t, 4H), 2.26 (s, 6H), 2.00 (s, 9H), 1.10 (dt, 9H), 0.45 (s, 4H) ppm.

Example 5: Synthesis of  $Ni[P(OR^1)_3][(R^2NCH_2CH_2NR^2)C]X_2$  ( $R^1=CH_2CH_3$ ,  $R^2=C(CH_3)_3$ ,  $X=Cl$ )

Add a nitrogen heterocyclic carbene ( $R^2NCH_2CH_2NR^2$ )C (0.1438 g, 0.78 mmol) to a solution of bis(triphenylphosphine)nickelchloride (0.5101 g, 0.78 mmol) in tetrahydrofuran, react at room temperature for 1 hour, and remove solvent in vacuo. The residue was washed with n-hexane, and the residue obtained was extracted with toluene, and the clear liquid is transferred, and solvent toluene is removed to give a pink solid, wherein the yield is 65%. Further, the pink solid (0.2870 g, 0.5 mmol) was mixed with triethyl phosphite (86  $\mu$ L, 0.5 mmol), and tetrahydrofuran was added as a solvent, and the mixture was reacted at room temperature for 1 hour, and the solvent was evaporated in vacuo. The residue was washed with n-hexane, and the residue obtained was extracted with toluene, and the clear liquid is transferred, and solvent toluene is removed to give a yellow solid, wherein the yield is 90%.

The results of elemental analysis of the product are shown in Table 5:

TABLE 5

Elemental analysis			
	C: (%)	H: (%)	N: (%)
Theoretical value	42.62	8.00	5.85
Actual value	42.95	8.11	5.73

The product was subjected to nuclear magnetic characterization and the results are as follows:

The product was dissolved in  $C_6D_6$  (ca. 0.4 mL), sealed, and characterized on a Unity Inova-400 NMR apparatus at room temperature:  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz,  $C_6D_6$ ):  $\delta$  4.21 (dp, 6H), 2.91-2.59 (m, 4H), 2.31 (s, 6H), 2.04 (s, 12H), 1.20 (t, 3H), 1.00 (t, 6H) ppm.

Example 6:  $Ni[P(OR^1)_3][(R^2NCH_2CH_2NR^2)C]X_2=CH_2CH_3$ ,  $R^2=2,4,6$ -trimethylphenyl,  $X=Br$   
Catalyzed Cross-Coupling Reaction of p-Chlorophenol and Bis(Neopentyl Glycolato)-Diboron

Under argon protection, catalyst (17.3 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol %), potassium methoxide (52.6 mg, 0.75 mmol), bis(neopentyl glycolato)-diboron (169.5 mg, 0.75 mmol), p-chlorophenol (49  $\mu$ l, 0.50 mmol), 1.5 ml of 1,4-dioxane were sequentially added to the reaction flask, reacted at 40 $^\circ$  C. for 6 hours, and quenched with water, the product was extracted with ethyl acetate and purified by column chro-

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matography (a mixed solvent of ethyl acetate/petroleum ether in a volume ratio of 1:5 was used as a developing solvent), and the yield was 54%.

The product was dissolved in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (ca. 0.4 mL), sealed, and characterized on a Unity Inova-400 NMR apparatus at room temperature:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.70 (d, 2H), 6.81 (d, 2H), 5.35 (s, 1H), 3.75 (s, 4H), 1.01 (s, 6H) ppm.

Example 7:  $\text{Ni}[\text{P}(\text{OR}^1)_3][(\text{R}^2\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NR}^2)\text{C}]\text{X}_2$   
( $\text{R}^1=\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{R}^2=2,4,6$ -trimethylphenyl,  $\text{X}=\text{Br}$ )  
Catalyzed Cross-Coupling Reaction of p-Chloroaniline and Bis(Neopentyl Glycolato)-Diboron

Under argon protection, catalyst (17.3 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol %), potassium methoxide (52.6 mg, 0.75 mmol), bis(neopentyl glycolato)-diboron (169.5 mg, 0.75 mmol), p-chloroaniline (63.8 mg, 0.50 mmol), 1.5 ml of 1,4-dioxane were sequentially added to the reaction flask, reacted at  $40^\circ\text{C}$ . for 6 hours, and quenched with water, and the product was extracted with ethyl acetate and purified by column chromatography (a mixed solvent of ethyl acetate/petroleum ether in a volume ratio of 1:5 was used as a developing solvent), and the yield was 66%.

The product was dissolved in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (ca. 0.4 mL), sealed, and characterized on a Unity Inova-400 NMR apparatus at room temperature:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.61 (d, 2H), 6.66 (d, 2H), 3.78 (s, 2H), 3.74 (s, 4H), 1.01 (s, 6H) ppm.

Example 8:  $\text{Ni}[\text{P}(\text{OR}^1)_3][(\text{R}^2\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NR}^2)\text{C}]\text{X}_2$   
( $\text{R}^1=\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{R}^2=2,4,6$ -trimethylphenyl,  $\text{X}=\text{Br}$ )  
Catalyzed Cross-Coupling Reaction of p-Chlorobenzophenone and Bis(Neopentyl Glycolato)-Diboron

Under argon protection, catalyst (17.3 mg, 0.025 mmol, 5 mol %), potassium methoxide (52.6 mg, 0.75 mmol), bis(neopentyl glycolato)-diboron (169.5 mg, 0.75 mmol), p-chlorobenzophenone (108 mg, 0.50 mmol), 1.5 ml of 1,4-dioxane were sequentially added to the reaction flask, reacted at  $40^\circ\text{C}$ . for 6 hours, quenched with water, and the product was extracted with ethyl acetate. The product was extracted with ethyl acetate and purified by column chromatography (mixed solvent of ethyl acetate/petroleum ether in a volume ratio of 1:20 as a developing solvent) in a yield of 58%.

The product was dissolved in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (ca. 0.4 mL), sealed, and characterized on a Unity Inova-400 NMR apparatus at room temperature:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.97 (d, 2H), 7.88-7.79 (m, 4H), 7.64 (t, 1H), 7.53 (t, 2H), 3.86 (s, 4H), 1.10 (s, 6H) ppm.

Example 9:  $\text{Ni}[\text{P}(\text{OR}^1)_3][(\text{R}^2\text{NCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NR}^2)\text{C}]\text{X}_2$   
( $\text{R}^1=\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{R}^2=2,4,6$ -trimethylphenyl,  $\text{X}=\text{Br}$ )  
Catalyzed Cross-Coupling Reaction of p-Cyanobenzene and Bis(Neopentyl Glycolato)-Diboron

Under argon protection, catalyst (6.9 mg, 0.01 mmol, 2 mol %), potassium methoxide (52.6 mg, 0.75 mmol), bis(neopentyl glycolato)-diboron (169.5 mg, 0.75 mmol), p-cyanobenzene (69 mg, 0.50 mmol), 1.5 ml of 1,4-dioxane were sequentially added to the reaction flask, reacted at  $40^\circ\text{C}$ . for 6 hours, quenched with water, the reaction product was extracted with ethyl acetate and purified by column chromatography (mixing solvent of ethyl

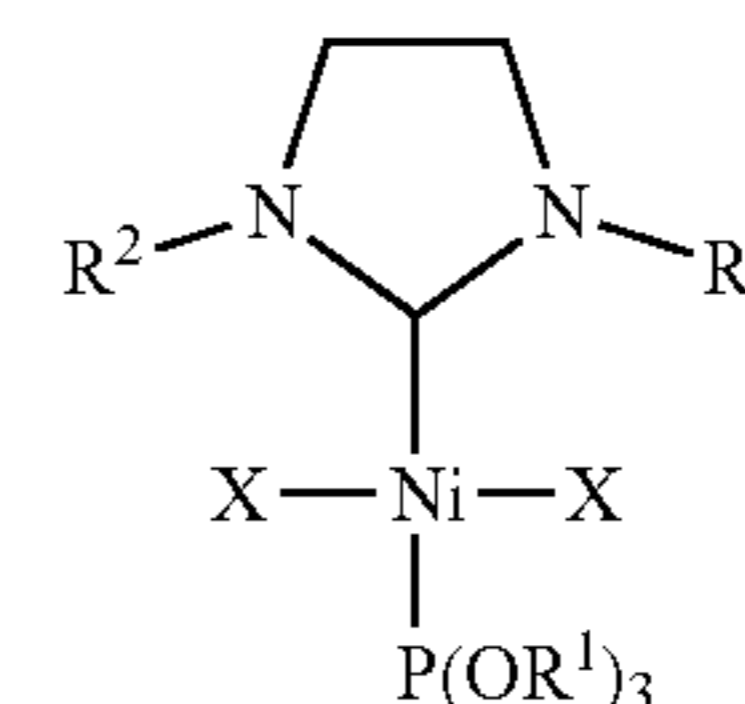
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acetate/petroleum ether in a volume ratio of 1:20 as a developing solvent) in a yield of 41%.

The product was dissolved in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (ca. 0.4 mL), sealed, and characterized on a Unity Inova-400 NMR apparatus at room temperature:  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , TMS):  $\delta$  7.93 (d, 2H), 7.67 (d, 2H), 3.83 (s, 4H), 1.08 (s, 6H) ppm.

The invention claimed is:

1. A method for preparing phenylboronic acid neopentyl glycol ester, comprising the steps of: sequentially adding catalyst, potassium methoxide, bis(neopentyl glycolato)-diboron, phenyl chloride and organic solvent in an inert gas atmosphere; reacting at  $40^\circ\text{C}$ . for 6 hours to obtain phenylboronic acid neopentyl glycol ester; the phenyl chloride is p-chlorophenol, p-chloroaniline, p-chlorobenzophenone or p-cyanobenzene; the catalyst is used in an amount of 5% by mole of the phenyl chloride; the chemical structure of the catalyst is as follows:



wherein  $\text{R}^1$  is ethyl or isopropyl;  $\text{R}^2$  is 2,4,6-trimethylphenyl, 2,6-diisopropylphenyl or tert-butyl; and X is bromine or chlorine.

2. The method for preparing phenylboronic acid neopentyl glycol ester according to claim 1, characterized in that after the reaction is completed, the reaction is terminated with water, the reaction product is extracted with ethyl acetate, and finally subjected to column chromatography to obtain phenylboronic acid neopentyl glycol ester.

3. The method for preparing phenylboronic acid neopentyl glycol ester according to claim 1, characterized in that the inert gas is argon; and the organic solvent is 1,4-dioxane.

4. The method for preparing phenylboronic acid neopentyl glycol ester according to claim 1, characterized in that the molar ratio of the catalyst, potassium methoxide, bis(neopentyl glycolato)-diboron and phenyl chloride is 0.05:1.5:1.5:1.

5. The method for preparing phenylboronic acid neopentyl glycol ester according to claim 1, characterized in that the catalyst is prepared as follows:

when X is bromine, the bis(phosphite) nickel dibromide and the nitrogen heterocyclic carbene are dissolved in a solvent in an inert gas, and reacted at room temperature for 2 to 4 hours; then the solvent is removed in vacuo, and the residue is extracted with toluene after washed with an n-hexane, and the clear solution was transferred and removed the solvent toluene to obtain a nickel (II) complex that is catalyst;

when X is chlorine, in an inert gas, the bis(triphenylphosphine)nickel dichloride and nitrogen heterocyclic carbene are dissolved in a solvent, and reacted at room temperature for 2 to 4 hours; then the solvent is removed in vacuo, and the residue is extracted with toluene after washed with an n-hexane, the clear solution is transferred and removed the solvent toluene to obtain nickel (II) complex containing triphenylphosphine and nitrogen heterocyclic carbene; then dissolving the mixed nickel (II) complex and phosphite in a solvent, and reacted at room temperature for 1 hour; then the solvent was removed in vacuo, the residue was

washed with n-hexane and then extracted with toluene, and the clear solution was transferred and removed the solvent toluene to obtain nickel(II) complex, which was the catalyst.

6. The method for preparing phenylboronic acid neopentyl glycol ester according to claim 5, characterized in that in the preparation method of the catalyst, the inert gas is argon; the molar ratio of the bis(phosphite) nickel dibromide to the nitrogen heterocyclic carbene is 1:1; the molar ratio of bis(triphenylphosphine)nickel dichloride to nitrogen heterocyclic carbene is 1:1; the molar ratio of the mixed nickel (II) complex containing triphenylphosphine to the nitrogen heterocyclic carbene to the phosphite is 1:1; the solvent is tetrahydrofuran.

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